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absorb

One entry found for absorb.

Main Entry: **ab-sorb**  

Pronunciation: &b-'sorb, -'zorb

Function: *transitive verb*

Etymology: Middle French *absorber*, from Latin *absorbere*, from *ab-* + *sorbere* to suck up; akin to Lithuanian *surbti* to sip, Greek *rophein* to gulp down


1 : to take in and make part of an existent whole <the capacity of China to *absorb* invaders>


2 a : to suck up or take up <a sponge *absorbs* water>

<charcoal *absorbs* gas> <plant roots *absorb* water> b : to take in : ACQUIRE, LEARN <convictions *absorbed* in youth — M. R. Cohen> c : USE UP, CONSUME <the fever *absorbed* her strength>

3 : to engage or engross wholly <*absorbed* in thought>

4 a (1) : to receive without recoil or echo <provided with a sound-*absorbing* surface> (2) : ENDURE, SUSTAIN <*absorbing* hardships> (3) : ASSUME, BEAR <the expenses were *absorbed* by the company> b : to transform (radiant energy) into a different form usually with a resulting rise in temperature <the earth *absorbs* the sun's rays>

- **ab-sorb-a-bil-i-ty**  /&b-'sor-b&-'bi-l&-tE, -'zor-/ *noun*

- **ab-sorb-a-ble**  /&b-'sor-b&-b&l, -'zor-/ *adjective*

- **ab-sorb-er** *noun*

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